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Harold:

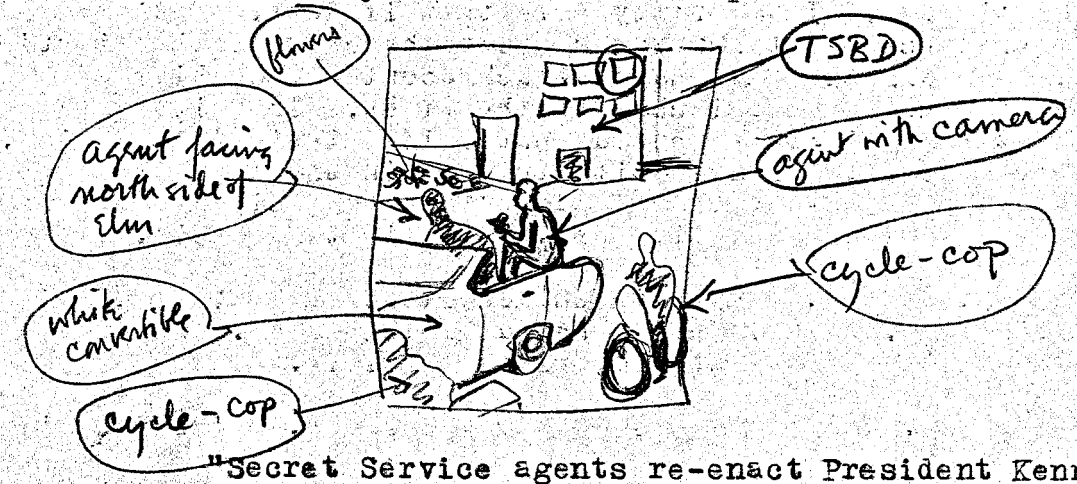
I just got yours of ~~21~~ Nov. 29 with miscellaneous notes included.

There is nothing yet to report regarding the Cubans, nor will there be until I hear from Bretón. I agree with your advice not to overload him, and had already decided to sit tight until I learned their response to what I have already placed in their hands. Whether or not they can answer the specific questions that I asked, if they express willingness to co-operate, I will discuss arranging a meeting between you and one of theirs who may know the areas that interest you. I would not make definite plans, but merely learn whether they can and would provide material that you want. No doubt you could impress them much better than I , for you know much inside information that I do not.

If the possibility of such an encounter does arise, then it must take place in Canada, or at least elsewhere than in the U.S., for the Cubans cannot go into the States, I think. Perhaps, however, they could arrange something through their U.N. mission. Anyway, we don't yet know what they will do, so it's best to sit tight until I hear from Bretón.

Regarding the pictures taken from "Oswald's nest" in the Dal-Tex, I have written to the Sat. Evening Post and asked where they got the picture. I suppose that they did not take it themselves, for none of the other pictures in that article were taken by Post photographers. I am betting that the Secret Service took the picture, and by some weird gaff passed it to Post. The photo technique is the same as in the CEs that show the SS car.

Regardless what the Commission's record shows, Dec. 5 was <u>not</u> the first SS reconstruction. There was at least one before that, <u>and</u> it occurred not later than Nov. 28. The Washington Daily News of 29 Nov. 1963, p.2, *has a picture taken from about the same position as Altgens's famous one ~~(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)~~; in the backgeound is ~~Txxx~~ TSBD and Dal-Tex. In the foreground is white convertible with two men in it, one holding movie camera. The photo looks something like sketch below (drawn from memory) and bears the caption as indicated below the sketch:



"Secret Service agents re-enact President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas so they can film the scene. The agents used a car similar to the one Mr Kennedy used. Dallas police motorcycles also participated. Flowers placed at the scene of the assassination can be seen in the background. The rifle shots were fired from the encircled window."

Van Der Karr is now in Sprague's hands, and I do not know what He will do with him. I shall see Sprague in NY this weekend and we will discuss many things-- including Van Der Karr. I hope my letter to Van Der Karr was not responsible for turning him off. I thought it a fairly moderate statement, but he may have thought it too much. Perhaps Sprague will have better luck.

There is nothing new to report regarding Dawnay, although I have received other correspondence from him. I gather that except for his interviews with Mrs Thomas, most of his stuff comes from Newspaper clippings. Even so, I think he has hit on something important in the two Sneyds. I am not fully convinced that they were both arrested, but I am strongly inclined to believe that that is the case. If ~~he~~ Dawnay induces his Member of Parliament to back an inquiry in Commons, and if Dawnay has any influence in determining the course of questions, I am sure he will strangle Scotland Yard in the complicated nexus of their own contradictions. The situation for Scotland Yard seems quite horribly hopeless, for Dawnay knows the issues very well. I have tried to act the part of Devil's advocate, and for every attempt I have made to cast an innocent explanation over the events, Dawnay has shown how that explanation leads to other inexplicable circumstances. The present problem is not that his assertions are wrong, but that they are complicated.

Scotland Yard itself seems to have admitted that Ray was arrested after he flew in from Lisbon, so I think that settles the question of two Sneyds. I am still not fully convinced about the two arrests, though.

~~Dawnay seems worried about Gillan and the like, but that may come off strong in letters than he actually feels.~~

Thanks for address of Whitney Joy. My attempts to get a suitable rifle fell through. No matter, for I can work out a good deal on paper. I have worked out a set of figures and sent them to ~~fixx~~ ballistics expert at Canadian Industries Limited to verify both ~~by~~ my method and my figures. I am pretty sure that if Robt. Frazier had fired the Mann.-Carcanno at 100 yards before he changed the sighting arrangement, the bullets would have struck about 3 feet high of the point of aim and about 9 inches to the right. That is a good deal lower than I initially supposed, but still significantly high. When I hear from C.I.L. I shall write this up in the form of an exhibit and send it ~~about~~ to those interested-- especially if someone has the equipment for a valid test. Sit tight for this.

You ~~ix~~ sent ~~a~~ this note: "Anything on Robert J. Angers?" following data about Bringuier. I have never heard of that name. If you want me to pursue some inquiry about him, please explain.

Enough for now. None of this requires a reply. I'll keep in touch.

Dick

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